

Dear Colleague,

Shielding: maintenance of register

Further to recent correspondence from the Scottish Government, you will be aware that shielding was paused with effect from 1 August. However, it is important that the shielding register remains up to date so that is accurate for any future resumption of shielding and for ongoing support for high risk individuals, including eligibility for flu vaccination.

I have attached a copy of the guidance letter which will now be sent to new patients who are identified as meeting the criteria for inclusion in the shielding register, and the letters sent to those being removed from the list.

Please could you ensure that you continue to advise the Covid mailbox COVIDShielding@ggc.scot.nhs.uk of any new patients who should be on the shielding register, and anyone who no longer meets the criteria and should be removed from the list. As always, this should be done in discussion with the individual concerned. Acute hospital colleagues will likewise be continuing to keep the registers up to date.

We continue to work with the Scottish Government to identify a way to update GP coding to clarify where individuals have been removed from the shielding register.

Thank you for your ongoing support to this programme.

Yours faithfully,

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